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Interview Summary

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Reuben M. Brown

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All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Reuben M. Brown.

(3) _____.

(2) Natalie Morelli.

(4) _____.

Date of Interview: 09 May 2007.

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
c) ☐ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.

If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: 1.


Identification of prior art discussed: Staats.

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☒ was reached. g) ☐ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: See Continuation Sheet.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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REUBEN M. BROWN
PATENT EXAMINER

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Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: In a follow-up discussion from an interview held with Ms. Morelli & Mr. Cockings, the issue of the previous 112 rejection was discussed. It was agreed that Fig. 8A of the drawings (step S5) can be amended, consistent with the language found on page 17, lines 12-20, of the specification, namely, "unique ID numbers of the nodes". Such an amendment would overcome the 112 rejection. In a separate issue, examiner will consider applicant's arguments with respect to the interpretation that in Staats, the 'record' includes both the node unique ID and the reference ID.